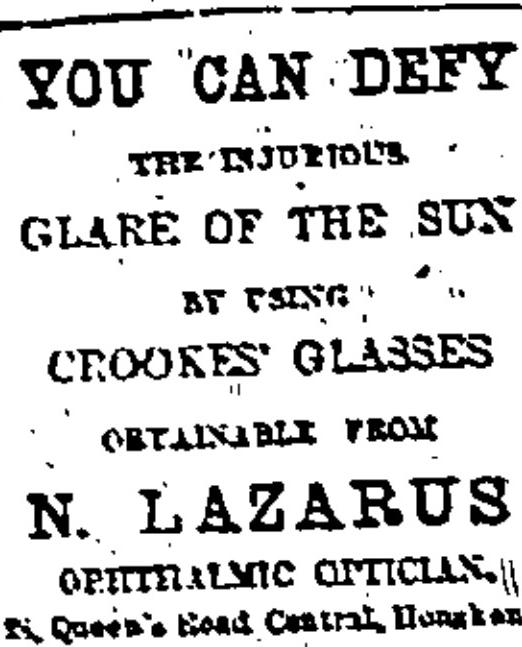


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## THE DOLLAR.

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## IRISH DISORDERS.

LONDON, November 17th.  
It is officially stated that six men have been arrested in County Clare. Two tried to escape and were shot dead. Two Artillery officers are missing since October 29th. The gravest fears are felt regarding their safety.

LONDON, November 17th.  
The Sinn Feiners' latest exploit is kidnapping four Army Staff officers travelling by train and carrying them off to an unknown destination. The officers were captured near Cork, while proceeding on duty. They were dressed in uniform. Suddenly armed men entered the compartment, handcuffed them, escorted them to the platform, and then marched them along the public road until they were picked up by waiting motors. Large military forces are securing the district. It is believed that the act is one of revenge for the death of Mr. MacSwiney. At least one of the officers was a member of Mr. MacSwiney's Court Martial.

A raider was overheard to say "We must avenge the Lord Mayor's death."

## LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

GENEVA, November 17th.  
A feature of to-day's sitting of the League of Nations was an interesting debate on the work of the Council, notably a striking speech by Lord Robert Cecil, who opened the discussion.

Referring to mandates, Lord Robert Cecil hoped that the League would act quickly. He also urged the necessity of fuller publicity for the proceedings of the Council, and submitted a motion in this direction dealing with Armenia. Lord Robert Cecil declared that there did not exist in the history of the world a tragedy more pathetic than that of Armenia. The League of Nations must save Armenia. It cannot separate without coming to a decision on the question. He proposed his criticism of the action of Poland, after submitting the question of Lithuania to the Council, for committing a hostile act within five months of the period laid down by the Convention during which interested parties were to abstain from hostilities. He concluded by declaring that the League had begun well and must pursue boldly without fear its own and only policy of reconciling nations.

The delegates of the British Dominions on the Mandates and Armaments Committee include Mr. Fisher, Lord Robert Cecil, and Sir William Meyer while on the Committee of Admission of New Members, India will be represented by the Jam of Nawangar.

LONDON, November 17th.  
Pending a general economic and financial conference of the League of Nations to be held in 1921, the Council of the League has decided to form immediately a provisional financial and economic consultative committee of twenty members to advise as regards putting into practice the recommendations of the Brussels Conference, financial and economic problems, which the Council may submit, and the preparation of the agenda for the 1921 conference.

Mr. Henry Strachan (South Africa) and Mr. Kengomori (Japan), are among the ten members of the financial section of the new committee.

## M.C.C. IN AUSTRALIA.

MELBOURNE, November 16th.  
Marlboro Cricket Club defeated Victoria by an innings and 89 runs.

Victoria made 274 runs in the first innings, Lampard contributing 111, and 63 in the second innings.

Rhodes took 6 wickets for 38 runs, Woolley 4 for 27 and Parkinson 0 for 16.

Marlboro made 418 for 3 wickets and declared.

Hobbs made 131, and Hendren 108 unfinished.

## JAPANESE IMMIGRATION IN CALIFORNIA.

LOS ANGELES, November 17th.  
The delicacy of the American-Japanese situation in connection with Japanese immigration to California, is evidenced by the statement of the Japanese Premier, Mr. Hara, that the American Government is necessary in order not to injure American-Japanese friendship. Meanwhile, the Americans are greatly interested in the Census Bureau's report showing a great increase in the Japanese population on the Pacific Coast States since 1910, especially in California where there are now seven thousand (1) Japanese as compared with 41,000 in 1910.

## OPUM TRAFFIC.

LONDON, November 17th.  
The Board of Trade announces that licences for the export of opium and cocaine granted prior to August 1st have been revoked. Application may be made for fresh licences.

In a letter to the Times, Sir W. J. Collins recalls that, when the Opium Convention was signed at the Hague on January 23rd, 1912, the British delegates were authorized to declare that the Convention if ratified by the British Government, would apply to the Governments of British India, Ceylon, the Straits, Hongkong and Wei-hai-wei, exactly similarly to the United Kingdom, and points out that 17,278 chests of opium were exported from India in 1918 and 1919, chiefly to the Far East and the United Kingdom and very large quantities of morphine were annually exported from Britain. He declares that undoubtedly the world production of opium, morphine and cocaine vastly exceed any conceivable legitimate or medical use for it, and hopes that the International League of Nations will take prompt steps to secure universal legislation similar to that recently passed by Britain, as well as international co-operation in making such legislation effective.

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## WEST RIVER FIGHTING.

## PASSENGER STEAMERS ATTACKED.

The news of the firing and looting of the town of Luk Pu, about 16 miles north of Shun Hing, on November 16 and 17, by soldiers of the Kwongsai army, retreating before the Kwongtung troops, has been received in correspondence and supplemented by the account of Mr. F. Williams, chief officer of the steamer "Chung On," which arrived this morning from Woosoo.

The advancing Kwongtung army fell on the rear guard of the Kwongsai troops, and a battle ensued, in which

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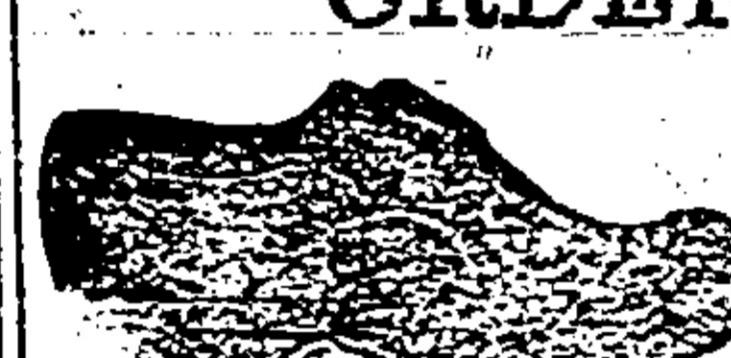
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5TH DECEMBER, 1920.

#### INTIMATIONS.

##### ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will be held in the Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, Hongkong, on MONDAY, 22nd November, 1920, at 5.15 P.M.

By Order of the Committee.

L. S. HILL,  
Hon. Secretary,  
Hongkong, November 18, 1920.

##### HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

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Well—it seems a shame to attack Mr. Oscar Asche, because he is an extremely clever producer of fine, rich, scenic effects, and he knows how to amuse the public.

Let us, therefore, put the matter in another way. Let us suppose that our Mahommedan fellow-subjects say, in India produced a comic opera entitled "Calvary" or "Nazareth," and filled it with jokes about God, what would our feelings be?

Mosca is the most sacred spot on earth to countless millions of loyal Moslems; it is the place where the Prophet preached and where he is buried. All over the world the faithful turn towards it when they pray; and it means to them even more than is meant to us by the holy places of Christianity or the Zion of our dreams.

Allah is the Arabic word for God. It is not the name of some heathen deity; it is not, strictly speaking, a name at all; it is simply "God" in the Arabic tongue—our God, or theirs.

In the commandment, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain," when translated into Arabic, the word "God" would be rendered by "Allah"; and the actor, might suddenly realise his offence if he were to repeat that commandment over to himself, making this verbal substitution.

There is no great harm in using the word in ejaculations, just as the French say "Mon Dieu!" though the flippancy of "My God!" on the stage is never entertaining.

But somehow, to those who know the East or who like to think of Londoners as the tacit citizens of the metropolis of a great Empire, any jesting use of the Divine Name, or of that of Islam's "Sacred City," comes as a shock, suggesting that English people live, in a detached little corner of the earth, knowing nothing of the lives and prejudices of the rest of the world.

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MARRIAGE.

BRAND—BURKILL.—On November 15, 1920, at Shanghai, John Kenneth Brand, son of the late David Brand, and of Mrs. Brand, Shanghai, to Katharine Joyce Burkhill, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Burkhill, of Shanghai.

DEATH.

BORTHWICK.—On November 6, 1920, at Ichang, of dysentery, Nancy, beloved elder daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Borthwick.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"  
HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOV. 20, 1920.

ADVERSARIA.

Ballads, one critic says, are not poetry. Professor Rollins of America, however, thinks them worth while, and has published a collection, 1533 to 1625, of old English specimens. (Cambridge University Press.) Other critics say that a ballad maker is not a poet, but a person who succeeds, sometimes, in making poetry. Have it as you like it. Many of those old ballads are more human in their appeal than many poems. Ballads have a beauty, when they have it, that is natural rather than technical. There is an obvious joy taken by the balladist in his simple medium, as when one sings: "O, they ride on, and farther on. They waded thro' rivers above the knee; And they saw neither sun nor moon, But they heard the roaring of the sea." They contain rich humour, as in the one about the Gunpowder Plot, which says:

Then "Powder I amell" quoth our gracious king  
(Now our king was an excellent smeller)  
And louder and louder  
Quoth the king "I smell powder."

White shrill the clamour rose,  
Does such a deput cause you shock?  
Is't nonsense, you suppose?

Not when the station is this life,  
And death the train we wait;  
And all this parable of strife  
Tells us our train is late.

I noticed on Wednesday evening that one of my journalistic colleagues had discovered in Hongkong a man who knows all about the past and can see (thanks to spirit acquaintances) the vistas of the future. There is to be another war in August or September 1922. That, however, does not excite me so much as his revelations of the past. He says that once all men communicated with each other telepathically, by thought reading, and were good and happy. Language was a later invention, which brought lies and unhappiness. I hope my young colleague was not unduly impressed. I hope that he did not overlook that this man who was teaching him was using language, and the lies that belong to language. I can prove him a liar by the Bible. Language came before Cain or Abel did. Eve and the serpent talked together didn't they? Now some people laugh at the idea of a serpent using language; but that is because they haven't been properly instructed. The serpent was really a monkey. Did you ever reflect after reading Genesis iii 14 that the serpent couldn't have been a serpent? The Lord God said unto the serpent, "Because thou hast done this . . . upon thy belly thou shalt go, and dust shalt thou eat, all the days of thy life." Obviously, if the serpent was a serpent, it had been going on its belly before it did that mean trick to Eve, and so the punishment was merely that it should be and do what was and did previously. Happily this puzzle has been solved for us by a theologian, one Dr. Adam Clark, who points out that the tempting beast must have been one that walked erect, because that is implied in the curse. It also had reason and speech. It must have been some sort of ape. We can see by the structure of the modern ape's limbs and muscles that it might have been originally designed to walk erect like us, yet we notice that they all prefer to travel on all fours. They are still the most cunning and mischievous animals. As to eating dust, we all know their dirty ways. They will take food from the ground and eat it with the dirt that sticks to it. And some people believe that they can still talk, but will not, lest man should compel them to work. I hasten to say that I do not ask you to believe all this; but if you don't, I ask you to disbelieve the non-sense of the dollar-chasing fakir who was discovered by my credulous young professional colleague, and reported by him with such simple gravity in his paper. My control in the spirit world, with whom I am in regular rapport, tells me that this spiritualist-showman-thought-reader chap is a common gull.

And down he ran into the cellar.  
To show that they can be morally didactic and useful, I have tried to make a ballad for you, but wearied before I carried out my full scheme. There should have been a dozen more stanzas at least before the last two were sprung upon you. However, you can develop the parable for yourselves. Here is all I have to offer you:

TILL THE TRAIN CAME.—The railway station crowded was; All waiting for the train. No bigger station ever has been seen or will again.

Its roof was Kinchingungs high Its platforms long as Nile, Its waiting rooms one can't deny Were built cathedral style.

And all the people waiting there From every airt and clime With one consent did all prepare Their ways to pass the time.

To pass the time till came the train

Was eke their chief concern. Their various methods to explain This ballad now must turn.

While some did at the bookstalls read Oblivious of the crowd.

Far greater numbers joined to plead With luggage porters loud.

And factions formed to have a fight For fighting was their trade In combat was their chief delight.

"It must be so," they said, So missiles flew across the rails And copious blood was shed While others tussled, or heads or tails,

For to conceal their dread.

The classes at each other glared. The Firsts did scorn the Thirds Although the same train must be shared.

They exchanged angry words And loathed each other heartily And pushed and elbowed hard, A few stood back just for to see And laughed as does the bard.

Some put their pennies in the slot To get sweet things to eat Such sensual ways, some said, "are not, The way this wait to treat."

Let's read the ads, improve our minds.

And so prepare to take A lawful profit from the finds Our commerce likes to make.

And louder and louder Round went the pointers of the clock.

worthy people and things. After carefully reading through and sickening of the salient of our comprehensive report of the speeches, I had a melancholy conviction that it is all no use. Privilege is still top dog. Power is still abused. Human being is still respectable. Public spirit is still half-hearted. Like that, I would have turned my face to the wall and wept, but they came to me and said I really must offer some comments. I tell you I hate the job.

China Mail readers HAWKERS do not need to be told that the question of the restriction of hawkers' licences, raised by Mr. Lau Chu Pak, is practically exclusively a *China Mail* affair. All Mr. Lau's arguments, and more, have appeared in these columns. The avowed objects of reducing the number of licences available are all unworthy and sectionally selfish. The arguments in support are contemptible. I was agreeably surprised to read that Mr. Holyoak was "entirely in sympathy" with our views, because up to this meeting we had been allowed to play the lone hand, fight alone. So far as open indications went (for the poorer Chinese are inarticulate) I seemed to be in a minority of one. The Colonial Secretary was astonished at Mr. Holyoak's sympathy, and revealed that Mr. Holyoak "some time ago" had mentioned that "the increase in hawkers was a nuisance to motor traffic." He added that it is not true that because a licence is refused to a person that he immediately becomes a criminal. I am glad of this assumption, because I could see that a person so refused would have a grievance against society, and a person with a grievance against society is apt to express such sense of grievance criminally. If the Colonial Secretary says that is not true, I say it is. "But," he went on right away, in the same breath, "it is true if many cases that a hawker takes out a licence and carries on a trade as cover for criminal practices." I suspect that this is true, not in many cases, but in some. But isn't it a strange argument to attach in support of the other? "Many licensed hawkers take to crime, but it is not true that when refused licences they become criminals." Such reasoning is outside my ken. The official suggestion that more licensed hawkers will need more police to watch them I regard as unfair. All along I have been urging that the persecution of hawkers should cease, that the police should, so to speak, take the hawkers in their ordinary stride, and devote more of their time and attention to the criminals that infest our community. But I realize that they will not be allowed to. Powers are being abused and will continue to be abused, in the interests of the sectionally selfish who find these poor people a "nuisance."

The reference to the HAWKERS housing question leaves me still more pessimistic. The Government boasts about helping home builders to come to a bad end, and I cannot think the Government feels proud of the position it is now in as regards this matter. When it was whispered to the *China Mail* that the "cheap money" was going to rich companies that did not need it, and that private home-builders were being turned down flat, it occurred to me to test the Government's good faith by asking it for a list of those to whom advances had been made. A *China Mail* emissary applied for it, and was told that the people who had been granted loans might not welcome publicity; but if a member of Council ask for it, it would be given. I grinned, and said: "That's quite likely." Now that a member has asked for it, in open council, the Government has come to the conclusion that it would be undesirable to publish such a statement. Again I say that's very likely. Rightly or wrongly, the public believes that bona-fide applications by individuals were refused, and this public money advanced at a cheap rate to rich firms. If private persons were refused on the ground of absence of proper security, I ask what better security could the Government have had than the houses erected with the money?

We hear a great deal of sites of talk about sites, in connection with the expensive new roads for motorists. We heard that home builders all wanted sites in the central district, and that only one was willing to build so far out as Fanling. I say that the purpose of these loans was never to help people who can afford to erect country houses at Fanling—the golf suburb. It was to relieve the housing shortage of the workers. There are sites, not in the central area, but much nearer to it than Fanling, for which prohibitive terms have been asked by the Government. Along the existing road round West Point there are plenty desirable sites and for some reason they are held up. There are home sites existing in numbers on roads already good, in accessible positions, which the general public cannot get. Moreover,

until there is a change at the P.W.D., and our building regulations are made much less red tape, in view of the housing shortage, this question will never be adequately tackled. There is no reason whatever why wooden villas should not be permitted, with an open space all round them, to diminish the risk from fire. They would be cheap, and quite suitable, but Red Tape and semi-autocratic departmental ordinances bar the way. But until the unofficial members grow bolder, and attack more vigorously, Hongkong will go on being held back in this way.

The Director of Public Works referred to the provision in the ordinance for preventing delay in the passing of plans, and said he would be glad to investigate any case in which the time had been exceeded. It sounds plausible, that sort of thing, but if half of what has been told me be true, it is official camouflage. One home builder told me of a case in which his plans were actually passed at the P.W.D., and executed, and that the D.P.W. later on insisted on changes of mere ornamentation, insisting that in that particular area he would have nothing artistic. There's autocracy for you. The P.W.D. should have no voice at all in mere matters of taste in architecture. Its job is to see to structural safety and sanitary rightness. I have been told of other similar incidents illustrating almost autocratic power in this department.

Nothing in all this BEACHES long report impressed me more with the conviction of the utterly undemocratic policy of the government than the item about our public bathing beaches. These areas said the questioning member, are in danger of being required for various purposes in the near future. Would the Government, before selling them, do anything to provide the public with substituted facilities? The answer was awful. The Government would "regret" the loss to the public of these places, but "it is not possible to allow them to stand in the way of commercial development."

They would "cease to be available at no very distant date," and then private enterprise "should" extend to the provision of substitutes. I say that is awful. The Government admits its responsibilities as regards recreation grounds. It regards money on them, and looks after them and regulates their use. How much more important, for recreational and health objects, where we have such hot and unhealthy summers, are our public bathing facilities? It is all very well for us who can afford to hire cars and go to Repulse Bay, or to arrange launch parties to Stonecutters, etc., to talk about "our regret" at the imminent loss of these places for poorer people who cannot; but the Government owes them more than that. I say that it is not only possible, but desirable, to reserve the North Point and Kennedy Town beaches for the sake of public health against any commercial development whatsoever. There is plenty of room for commercial development without rubbing the public off these cheaply accessible bathing places. I say that it is the first duty of the Government to see to this. Commercial development "it may more safely leave to private enterprise" than the health of the people. I ask, I beg, I implore for a pronounced expression of public opinion on this matter. For God's sake don't leave it to the *China Mail* alone to bring the Government to a recognition of its direct and primary responsibility here. I have never in the whole course of my career in various parts of our Empire seen a more cynical or wicked attitude assumed by any Government than this. Is Hong Kong always to be run solely in the interests of the well-to-do?

Not enough teachers SCHOOLS and not enough schools teaching English, was the gist of Mr. Pollock's criticism. It has been, as you know, the burden of the *China Mail* criticism for some time. Teachers can be got, if they will offer fair wages. Owing to its dread of new taxation, the Government has to "ration" some branches of its work. It is starting our schools.

Mr. Parr dwelt CONTRACTORS on the need there to encourage as many contractors as possible to start and carry on business as to keep down the pre-arrangement of prices. Everybody knows that our local builders are scoundrels profiteers, but my chief interest in Mr. Parr's remark is the reply it extorted from Mr. Chatham. That official said: "If any contractor can show me that he has some experience of work and has carried out successfully works elsewhere, I am always ready to include his name in the list of contractors eligible for tendering for Government works." I remind my readers of the cardinal principle of the British administration, which is the provision of checks on the powers of individuals. We do not

deem any man safe with a "free hand," however worthy and respected he may be. Here is an admission that no contractor has a chance unless he first secures the goodwill of one official. Could not some means be devised whereby the eligibility of a contractor or would-be contractor would not be left to the whims of one man? I think it could be done, and I certainly think it should.

The Press itself is a CHECKS, check on the abuse of the "free hand," but in pursuance of the same shrewd policy, the Press itself is denied a free hand. But for the law of libel, the freedom of the Press would certainly be abused. Any government official would admit this. They must admit also that there is a like danger when any one official is given too much individual power, without a check.

This Colony is not yet TAXES in debt. It has paid its way out of revenue. We are not now paying for things done by our predecessors, at least not to any noticeable extent. Perhaps we should be. We enjoy a great deal that we do not pay for.

The policy of showing responsibilities on to posterity is one to which men are so prone that it has been guarded against; and in guarding against it there is a danger of leaning too far in the opposite direction. The question of public loans is mooted, evidently by men who fear that new taxation is only temporarily postponed. Let us keep level heads about this, and beware of being humbugged. We are not heavily taxed, and perhaps we may have to agree to some taxation yet. Also, as we have no public debt, we may have to support the proposal that we should get into the fashion. After all, our credit is an asset we are entitled to use. But the time is not yet. We need not decide either way at present, since the issue is not forced. At the same time, let us remember that advocates both ways will deceive us if we accept all their arguments unexamined.

That was a con-peAK TRAM spurious weak argument of Mr. Parr's about the lower tram station having "done very well where it is for some 30 years," and I am sorry he slipped into it, for I quite agree with him that the game of bringing it lower down is not worth the candle. The site can be put to better uses. The thirty year argument is bad because it can be applied to everything else. Why want wireless, when we have done very well without it for thirty years? And so on. But whereas some improvements are real improvements, although not thought of for thirty years, the bringing of the Peak Tram down to Queen's Road is not. Why not repair it to the Club entrance, or the Ferry wharf, and be done with it? It is convenient where it is. The man who lingers for another gin-and-bitter, till he has "just ten minutes to catch it," and then dashes the short ascent for making him miss the car, would linger five minutes longer, that's all, and miss it just the same. Moreover, the cable would have to be so much the less safe, I suppose. Running expenses would be higher, and nobody would be any better off, really. I'd rather see a school go up on the Murray Parade ground than a new tram station. But if the Knobs want it, they'll have it. I quite see that. Still, you asked me for my opinion, and you've got it.

Mr. Parr was officially told that there are no spaces on the Kowloon side that can be levelled and turfed for recreation grounds. The D.P.W. was almost sarcastic at his expense: I have shown the Government repeatedly an available space for the democratic game of football at Happy Valley, but because a few of the Knobs wanted it for golf, so that they could round knocking people's eyes out, they couldn't see it. I'm getting rather discouraged, but if Mr. Parr has stronger guts than I have, by all means let him peg-away. I won't discourage him. But I do hate wasting my time on people who will not see or hear, and as soon as that job in a brewery comes along, I'm going to take it.

Discussing the how-MEDIEVAL question, the Colonial Secretary made a remark that hit me like a slap in the face. "You cannot," he said, "in a town like this have both the medieval and modern systems." If I sat on my hawkers, and agree with him that they are a medieval nuisance who should be chased away, will he stand to his own words and go the whole hog with me in fighting medievalism? Will he join the Constitutional Reformation party and try to abolish our medieval constitution? Will he support my objection to our medieval curfew for hired motor cars? Will he oppose with me the medieval system of police passes? Will he renounce with me every medieval privilege that flatters itself here to-day? Will he support me

in demanding the revision of that medieval law, the Summary Offices Ordinance of 1845, that our police still go by? Does he expect that together we can make Hongkong as clean of medieval features as any town at home? Because, if he does, I don't. Hongkong, like Shanghai, is *sui generis*, and has to cut its coat according to its cloth. I do think it is mercy of the medieval secretary of a medieval government to use an argument like that, especially as he threatened the Chinese member, objecting to the Government's breach of faith to Chinese money, with the medieval task of having to get his domestic water from the street fountains.

When referring above to the threatened loss of our public bathing BEACHES, beaches, a loss which the Government seemed to regard with only a formal regret, I did not think it necessary to speak of the large numbers of people who make use of them. I suppose most of you have seen how they crowd the trains in hot weather, and have noticed the mobs on the beaches. I have never used either of these public beaches, because I am one of the fortunate class, that can afford to pay for more privacy; but I would feel a dirty cad if I did not raise my voice to save these necessities for people less fortunate. Elsewhere in this number of the *China Mail*, at my request, the editor is printing some official figures relating to the numbers using these beaches. This last summer 39,154 people used the North Point bathing beach, and 25,082 used the Kennedy Town one. Look at the comparative figures from season to season, think of what it will mean if so many people (many of them our gallant soldiers and sailors, whom we still owe a bit) are to be robbed of their last chance of a convenient and cheap dip in the cooling sea in our hot weather. Then write to your newspaper, *China Mail* or other. We really must show the Government that it must not sell these beaches, must not let them go. They belong to the people.

I thought that PROFESSORS point had been made clear before. Professor Smith (as I suppose) in the University notes in this morning's Post, refers at the *China Mail* for referring to the Registrar as "Professor" Mackintosh. Some time ago, when they wanted to tease us with a niggling distinction between professors and lecturers, we insisted that it is all the same. So it is. A man who lectures professes to know the subject he lectures on. These "deans" and "professors" that take their titles so seriously will not get any support from the *China Mail*, which deliberately lumps them all together. If they press me, I will point out that some "lecturers" have got a darning more savvy than some "professors." As far as that goes, I am a professor, "Professor Adversarius." I must have some cards printed. And where's the professor that can profess more than I can?

ZIONIST LECTURES.

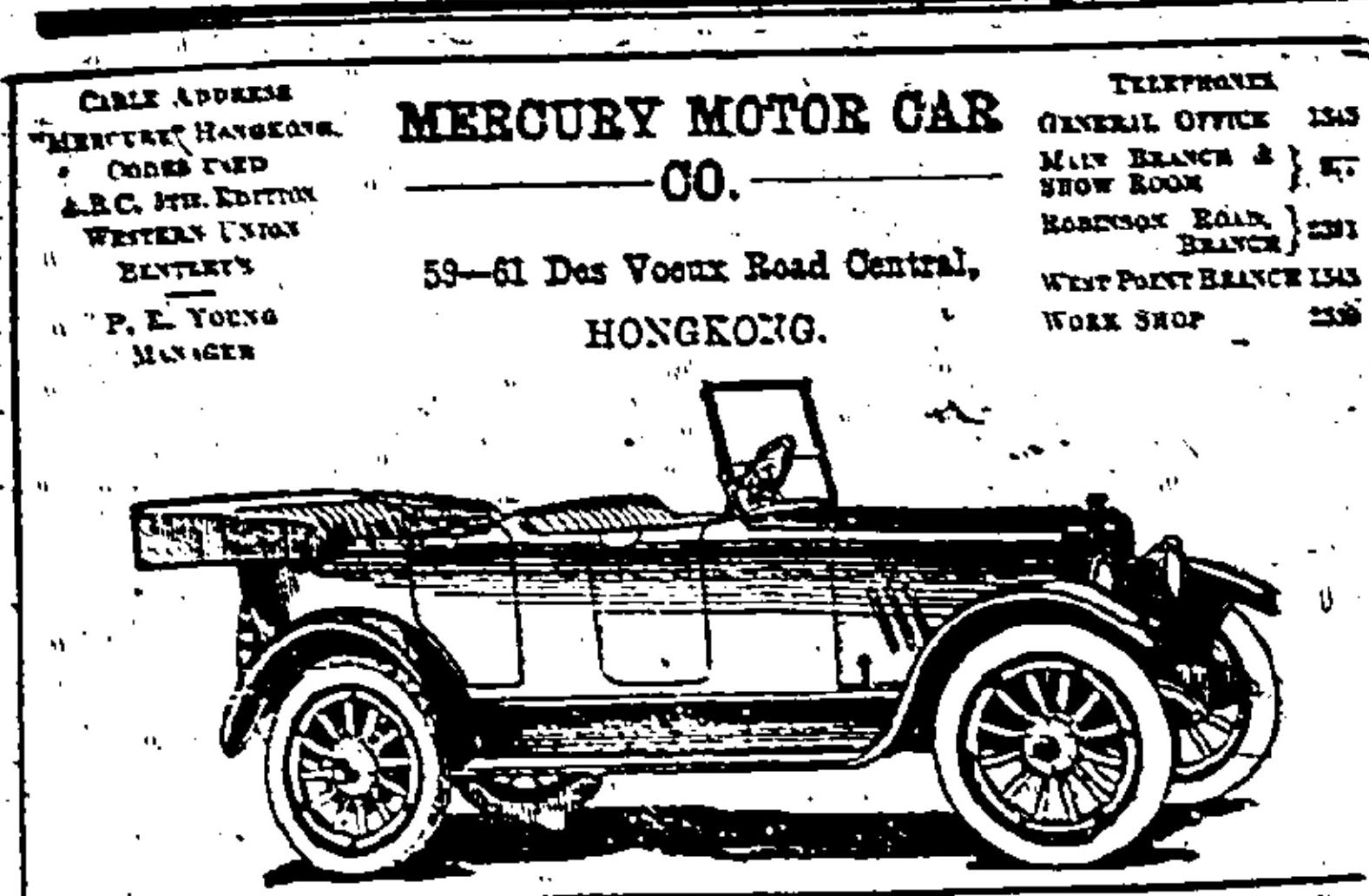
BUT NOT FOR JEWS ONLY.

Mr. Israel Cohen called on the *China Mail* this morning. He is a man worth meeting, and if he lectures as well as he talks, there's a treat for those who go to the Jewish Recreation Club on Sunday, and (more especially) to the public lecture at the Helena May Institute on Monday evening, when the Governor will preside. This is not a matter (as some of us have been thinking) for Jews only. In addition to being emissary of the Executive of the Zionist World Association, Mr. Cohen could be described as a representative of British policy in the Near East. He carries credentials from the British Government to all the governors of places in the Empire he is to visit, as well as special letters to British representatives elsewhere. The Palestine colony is not reserved for the Jews. For instance, of £60,000 he raised in Australia, a certain proportion is to be devoted to the purchase of land for a colony in Palestine to be called New Australia, and other colonies than Jews are to be welcomed. The idea is to make Palestine a productive country, and a safe and desirable home for workers. New Zealand gave him £20,000.

Mr. Cohen arrived on Thursday, as already reported, and Hongkong is the first place on this coast at which he is lecturing. The general public is cordially invited.

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## SPECIAL CABLES.

## LOST IN A GALE.

## STEAM SCHOONER'S FATE.

## TWENTY-EIGHT MEN MISSING.

## RELATIVES RAID AGENT'S OFFICE.

[China Mail SPECIAL]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 20. The steam schooner "Wah Chang," bound from Chin Wang Tao to Shanghai with a cargo of coal encountered a gale off the Shantung Promontory. The vessel sprang a leak and sank within 24 hours. Twenty-eight men are missing, including the Captain, Mr. O. Jorgensen, a Norwegian, and the Chief Officer, Mr. Bachman, a Lett. The announcement locally caused a raid on the agent's office by a howling mob of relatives of the supposed victims clamouring for compensation. The police quelled the disturbance. Arbitration has been promised.

## PIECE GOODS CRISIS.

## THREATENED STRIKE.

## TENSION IN SHANGHAI.

[China Mail SPECIAL]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 19. There is tension in business circles owing to the threatened strike of native piece goods dealers which is to take effect on Monday. The leading foreign merchants interviewed insisted on the preservation of the sanctity of contracts. The losses are computed at Tael 30,000,000, and 500 dealers are reported to be on the verge of bankruptcy.

## SHANGHAI LAWSUIT.

## ELECTRICAL FIRM SUED.

## FORMER MANAGER'S ACTION.

[China Mail Special]

SHANGHAI, Nov. 19. Ferdinand Boulon, who was recently committed for trial on charges of the embezzlement of funds the property of Messrs. Gaston, Williams and Wigmore Electrical Engineering Corporation, has now filed a civil suit against the firm for recovery of G\$15,000 and Tael 14,000.

## STRANDED "ALTENBURG."

## PROSPECTS OF REFLOATING.

## DUTCH SYNDICATE AT WORK.

[China Mail SPECIAL]

SINGAPORE, Nov. 19. The Dutch syndicate which purchased the stranded "Altenburg" for \$50,000 hopes to refloat the vessel within a few days. Dutch engineers are working hydraulic machinery.

## KINEMA NOTES.

## CORONET PICTURES.

## AN EXCELLENT PROGRAMME.

The lovers of picture plays who like a story based on a novel situation, filled with incident, and holding the interest from beginning to end, can find it in "Pals First," now at the Coronet Theatre, with Harold Lockwood in the lead. The audience is introduced first to a pair of interesting tramps, the "pals" of the story. They come to a fine country estate. One of them, the hero, who bears a striking resemblance to the son of the house, whose death at sea had been reported, is at once believed to be the missing son. He takes the latter's place, accepts the love of the beautiful daughter of a neighbouring family, to whom the son was engaged, and sets an early date for the wedding. It is only at the last moment, when the situation becomes tense and dramatic, that it is disclosed that he actually is the son, who had taken to the outdoor life of the road to recover his health. The picture is well done from start to finish. On the programme there is also a lengthy and exceptionally interesting picture review of the news. The programme will be continued until Monday.

## LOCAL WEDDING.

## TYRE-HAMILTON.

## POPULAR SCHOOLMASTER MARRIED.

The wedding was solemnised at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, this morning, of Miss Mary King Tyre, to Mr. Andrew Todd Hamilton, the popular Assistant Master of Queen's College.

The Rev. G. J. Williams officiated. The bride was given away by Mr. T. Oliphant, while Mrs. Oliphant acted as matron of honour.

Mr. J. Ralston was the bestman. The following hymns were sung during the ceremony which was attended by a large gathering of the friends of the parties: "The voice that breathed o'er Eden," and "O Perfect Love." Mr. E. J. Chapman, who presided at the organ played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" as the bridal party left the Church after signing the register.

Amongst those present at the Church were—Mr. and Mrs. W. Budge, Mr. and Mrs. J. McCubbin, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mycock, Mr. and Miss P. Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stevenson and Miss Stevenson, Lieutenant and Mrs. W. Higby, Mr. D. Templeton and the Misses Templeton, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cubey, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harrison, Mrs. W. L. Handyside, Mrs. J. Glynn, Mrs. J. Stewart, Mrs. J. Stalker, Miss Heynes, and Messrs. G. Rogers, J. Rogers, C. W. Jeffries, G. E. Wetton, Langston, G. Stark, and McCurdy and others.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board on Tuesday afternoon next the appointment will be made of Mr. P. R. Beesley as a Sanitary Class Inspector.

From the Shanghai cricket team which left the Colony by the s.s. "Empress of Asia," the following wireless telegram has been received:—"Frank Maitland, Hongkong. Many thanks from all for your splendid hospitality. Good-bye. Shanghai Cricketers."

The "Old Post Office" site is to be auctioned on Dec. 6 at 3 p.m., at the P. W. D. The lease will be for 75 years, with option of renewal for another 75 at a new rent to be fixed by the King's Surveyor. Annual rent for first period will be \$4,276. The upset price is \$1,906,000. The buildings now up must be demolished within eight months.

A Chinese aged about 27 years was yesterday admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from slight injuries received through being knocked down by motor car No. 26 in town. His condition is not serious. Another Chinese was removed to the Hospital yesterday suffering from slight injuries received through a fall while attempting to alight from a moving tram car.

From Launceston, Tasmania, comes news of the death on October 19 last, of Robert H. Stephenson, who came to Hongkong originally with the Bandini Opera Company, and after several tours settled down here for a number of years as manager of the then Bijou (now the Coronet) Theatre. Mr. Stephenson left Hongkong about eight or nine years ago.

The number of motor cars in Bondi docks of which delivery has not been taken continues to increase. There are now 900 and several boat loads are due to arrive in the next few days. It is reported there that Ford cars will soon be on sale in India at less than Rs. 2,000. The general tendency is that prices of English cars increase and the prices of American cars decrease.

A Port Said correspondent of *The Journal of Commerce* reports that the system of gratuities to pilots has been abolished, any pilot accepting a gratuity being now liable to dismissal—a most desirable reform and an improvement likely to attract the best class of candidate to the service. A number of pilots served in His Majesty's Navy during the war. Recently an ex Royal Naval officer has joined the service.

Because he brandished a pistol carelessly and so killed a Chinese girl in an obscure Shanghai brothel, Jack Leo Welch, 28 years old, second engineer of the s.s. "West Henshaw," who left wife and a youngster back in America for a cruise into the Far East on a United States Shipping Board boat must serve a term of two years in Bilbao prison at Manila and must pay a fine of \$500. For the tragedy, which was found to be an accident, Welch was tried on a charge of murder and as an outcome of the hearing was found guilty of the lesser charge of involuntary manslaughter.

Stricken with an acute attack of appendicitis while nearing Shanghai, Captain Thomas Fleming of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company liner "Ecuador" was taken from the steamer shortly after it had tied up at the China Merchants' Central Wharf, Shanghai on Nov. 12, rushed to Fearn's Hospital and underwent a successful operation. Captain Fleming was examined by Dr. Walter G. Hiltner and Dr. R. P. Tenney soon after the liner docked. At two o'clock an ambulance was called, and at four o'clock the surgeon had removed the appendix. First Officer A. R. Hunter was acting captain of the "Ecuador" when the steamer sailed for Manila. It is expected that Captain Fleming will return to his duties on December 4, when the liner sails from Shanghai to San Francisco.

## FATAL ACCIDENT AT SEA.

## FIREMAN'S DEATH.

## FALL THROUGH SKYLIGHT.

The Chief Officer of the s.s. "Fook-sang" reported to the police on the vessel's arrival in port, that on November 14, while the ship was rolling badly the No. 1, Chinese fireman accidentally fell through the skylight into the engine-room and was severely injured about the head. He was treated by the ship's doctor, but succumbed to the injuries on the 16th.

The Rev. G. J. Williams officiated. The bride was given away by Mr. T. Oliphant, while Mrs. Oliphant acted as matron of honour.

Mr. J. Ralston was the bestman.

The following hymns were sung during the ceremony which was attended by a large gathering of the friends of the parties: "The voice that breathed o'er Eden," and "O Perfect Love." Mr. E. J. Chapman, who presided at the organ played Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" as the bridal party left the Church after signing the register.

Amongst those present at the Church were—Mr. and Mrs. W. Budge, Mr. and Mrs. J. McCubbin, Mr. and Mrs. C. Mycock, Mr. and Miss P. Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stevenson and Miss Stevenson, Lieutenant and Mrs. W. Higby, Mr. D. Templeton and the Misses Templeton, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cubey, Mr. and Mrs. A. Harrison, Mrs. W. L. Handyside, Mrs. J. Glynn, Mrs. J. Stewart, Mrs. J. Stalker, Miss Heynes, and Messrs. G. Rogers, J. Rogers, C. W. Jeffries, G. E. Wetton, Langston, G. Stark, and McCurdy and others.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board on Tuesday afternoon next the appointment will be made of Mr. P. R. Beesley as a Sanitary Class Inspector.

From the Shanghai cricket team which left the Colony by the s.s. "Empress of Asia," the following wireless telegram has been received:—"Frank Maitland, Hongkong. Many thanks from all for your splendid hospitality. Good-bye. Shanghai Cricketers."

The "Old Post Office" site is to be auctioned on Dec. 6 at 3 p.m., at the P. W. D. The lease will be for 75 years, with option of renewal for another 75 at a new rent to be fixed by the King's Surveyor. Annual rent for first period will be \$4,276. The upset price is \$1,906,000. The buildings now up must be demolished within eight months.

A group photograph was taken outside the Church, after which the gathering adjourned to the Hongkong Hotel where a reception was held at which the usual toasts were honoured.

The happy couple, who were the recipients of numerous beautiful and costly presents, are spending their honeymoon at Macao and Canton.

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The construction of wharves along the Whampoo South of the Woosung Creek roads to cover 10 square miles and a tramway line is included in the scheme formulated by Peking. The improvement aims ultimately to establish a city for industrial purposes in competition with Shanghai.

Mr. Chang Chien, the Nantung-chow industrial magnate has been appointed director of the new improvement board. Most of the land will be reclaimed property belonging to the Ministry of Finance, while the amount of money required for the preliminary improvements of the tract will be raised among the merchants.

Shares of \$25 each will be issued. Four hundred thousand shares will be offered for subscription.

The Bureau of Government Property has made a survey of the land and authorised maps have been given to the board to proceed with its improvement work.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending November 6, 1920, amounted to 85,491 tons and the sales during the period, to 64,683 tons.

## PUBLIC MEETING.

## AT THE HELENA MAY INSTITUTE.

MONDAY, 22nd November, at 9.15 P.M.

Mr. ISRAEL COHEN,

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"DEVANNA"	8,100	19th Dec.	Do.
"SICILIA"	6,703	3rd Dec.	Do.
"PLASSY"	7,346	22nd Jan. 1921.	Do.

**BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)**

S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TAKADA"	7,000	20th Nov. at Noon.	Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta.

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S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"KANOWNA"	7,000	30th Nov.	Sandakan, Thursday Island,
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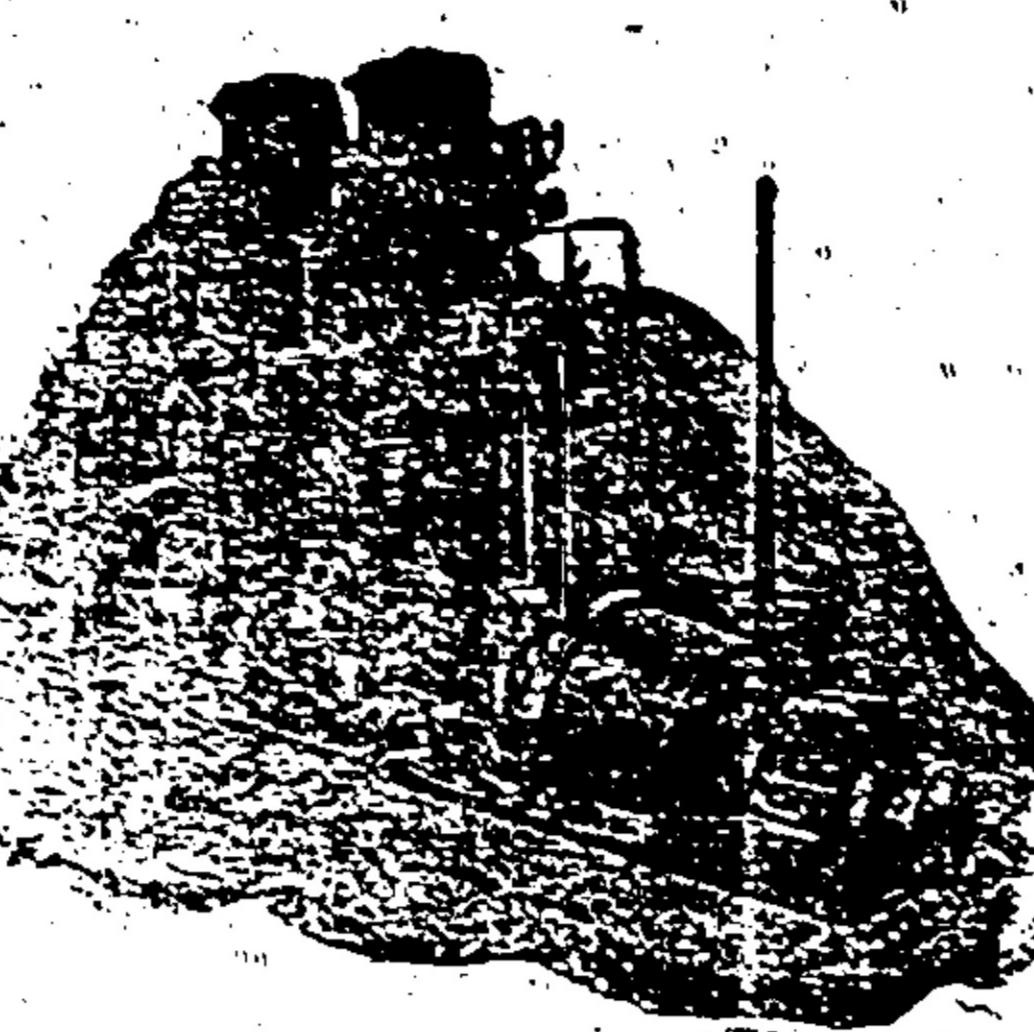
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16, Des Vaux Road. Telephone 29.**SPORT.****FOOTBALL LEAGUE.**THIS AFTERNOON'S MATCHES.  
Following are the first and second division matches of the Hongkong Football League fixed for this afternoon:**DIVISION I.**

Hongkong Club v. 2nd Wiltshires, Club ground, at 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Jones, R.N.

R.G.A. v. H.M.S. "Ambrose," Sookkumpong ground, 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Hollands.

H.K. Police v. Kowloon, Navy "B" ground, 4 p.m. Referee, Sgt. Wells.

H.M.S. "Tamar" v. S.C.A. Navy "A" ground, 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Cheshire.

**DIVISION II.**

H.K. Club Reserves v. United, Club ground, at 2.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Jones, R.N.

R.G.A. Reserves v. Club de Recreio, Sookkumpong ground, at 2.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Robson, R.N.

22nd Punjab v. St. Joseph's, S.C.A. ground, 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Sambells, R.N.

Oilers United v. S.C.A. Reserves, Navy "B" ground, 2.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. R. M. Oman.

Indian Rec. Club v. Kowloon Res., St. Joseph's ground, 4 p.m. Referee, Mr. Sayer, R.N.

The match H.M.S. "Carlisle" Reserves v. Staff and Departments is postponed.

The Club v. White match promises to be very interesting. The soldiers are fielding their best XI, who under the leadership of Mexham, can be relied upon to give the Cublemen's defence a severe test. The Club forwards are also a dangerous pack and very tricky. The soldiers' defence will have a tough job to keep them out of shooting range. A goalless draw is the most probable result, but with a bit of luck, either side may run away with the two points at stake.

The "Tamar" will be at home to South China on the Navy ground. The Chinese are undoubtedly the superior team, and there is no reason why they should not win, but the sailors' team, on last Saturday's form, is not to be despised, and if the Chinese are not careful, may spring surprises.

The Police v. Kowloon match will be played on the Navy "B" ground. On form, Kowloon should have no difficulty in winning this match, but the police can be relied upon to put up a hard struggle. The Kowloonites will have to stretch themselves a lot to win the points at stake.

At Sookkumpong Valley, a fairly even match ought to be witnessed between the R.G.A. and the "Ambrose." Owing to the sailors having the bad luck to have some of their best players in hospital, the gunners will be slightly the superior combination, and ought just to manage to win.

The second division matches do not promise much excitement, and should result in the Club Reserves, R.G.A. Reserves, St. Joseph's, South China and Kowloon Reserves adding two points each to their credit.

The Club de Recreio are holding their strongest side against the soldiers, and while a draw would not be out of the question, the gunners will have no excuse for not securing both points.

The Indians will be strengthened by Jackson, late of the Kowloon F.C. in their match against the Kowloon Reserves, which promises to be the best match in the second division. Although Jackson will make a lot of difference to the Indians' defence, one man cannot be relied upon to save the game, and Kowloon ought to win, although not without a struggle.

The results of the other matches are foregone conclusions.

**H.K.F.C. 2ND XI v. UNITED F.C.**

The following will represent the Club 2nd XI against the United F.C. on the Club Ground, to-day, kick-off, 2.30 p.m. sharp—

G. Groot, D. J. Purves, C. Wilkie, W. Ireland, J. Dodds, J. McBeth, Rev. Martin, G. May, N. Norris, J. P. Sherry and A. Boysen.

**H.K.F.C. v. WILTSHIRES.**

The following have been selected to represent the Club against the Wiltshires in the League match to-day, on the Club ground, kick-off 4 p.m. sharp—

G. Rodger, W. Gerard and F. Lawrence; M. Railton, J. Rodger, and J. W. R. McPhail; L. Goldenberg, H. Day, M. Sandberg, E. Moore and E. Ria.

**SHAMPOO LEAGUE.****MOORHEN I; TARANTULA 0.**

In consequence of the presence of both the "Tarantula" and "Moorhen" in port, the opportunity was taken yesterday to decide their match, in the Shamen Football League, on the Hongkong Dockyard ground. There was a large gathering of Service men present to watch the game.

The match was very evenly contested, both sides putting up very creditable displays. Play was very fast throughout. The "Tarantula" was slightly superior in combination, but Batchelor of the "Moorhen" at back proved himself a capable defender, and stopped many of the opposing forwards' attacks with apparent ease. Anything he happened to let past him, the goalie attended to in a very convincing manner. Several shots from Cowie went over the cross-bar. Although slightly slower than their opponents, the "Moorhen" men played very sound football and were very dangerous every time they got near goal. They scored a few minutes after the opening whistle through Allison, and managed to preserve their lead to the end of the game thus running out winners by the only score of the match. The "Tarantula" did their best to equalize, but Powell saved all their shots in a cool and effective manner, which won much well earned applause.

**LEAGUE CRICKET.****K.C.C. v. WILTSHIRES.**

The following will represent Kowloon C.C. against the Wiltshires this afternoon, at 2.15, on the Kowloon ground:

Team.—B. D. Evan, E. L. Braga, J. Stalker, A. L. Ramsay, W. F. J. Gorvin, C. J. Stapleton, R. Southern, P. J. Newman, Capt. E. G. Spinks, K. R. Macaskill, T. M. Cochrane.

**RUGBY.****CLUB AND NAVY DRAW.**

Both sides fielded strong XV's. The Club were out to wipe out the defeat they had suffered at the hands of the sailors in a previous match, while the latter were determined to keep up their record, with the result that a fine game was witnessed.

The Navy kicked off. Beech gathered and went away in fine style. When near the Club line, he passed to Gunn but the latter was promptly tackled and robbed by the halves.

**OFFICIAL CHANGES.****COLONIAL SECRETARY.****SECRETARY FOR CHINESE AFFAIRS.**

The Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary for the Colony, is expected to arrive in Hongkong on the "Delta," due in Hongkong about January 6, to resume his post. The Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.B.E., Acting Colonial Secretary, expects to depart on leave for ten months on the "Sicilia," sailing about December 31. The Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, Q.B.E., Secretary for Chinese Affairs, also will depart on leave, as is presently contemplated, on the "Sicilia" in company with the Acting Colonial Secretary. In his absence Mr. S. B. C. Ross, Postmaster General, will act as Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The Hon. Mr. William Chatham, C.M.G., Director of Public Works, who is leaving the Colony, will probably take his departure during the month of January. It has not been settled yet who will take Mr. Chatham's place.

**LOCAL BATHING.****NORTH POINT BEACH.****SEASON RECORD OF USERS OF THE BEACH.**

	Male	Female	Total
Europeans	3,067	1,530	4,517
Soldiers & Sailors	11,765	—	11,765
Portuguese	2,450	1,157	3,607
Chinese	13,499	9,744	23,243
Japanese	669	312	981
Parsees	923	235	1,158
Indians	2,514	39	2,553
Total	39,154		

Remarks: Amount received in 10 cents entrance fee for the season ending \$656.70.

Reserve enclosure use during the season ..... 5,391

Gentlemen's enclosure use for the season ..... 1,176

Ladies' enclosure use during the season ..... 11,266

Soldiers and Sailors were admitted free.

During the season six accidents occurred; all were rescued by the boatmen.

**KENNEDY TOWN BEACH.****SEASON RECORD OF USERS OF THE BEACH.**

	Male	Female	Total
Europeans	850	556	1,406
Soldiers	1,316	—	1,316
Portuguese	3,075	1,042	4,118
Chinese	15,335	8,34	16,769
Japanese	5	—	5
Parsees	1,468	—	1,468
Total	25,083		

Remarks: During the season seven accidents occurred; all were rescued by the boatmen.

JANIE DALZIEL.

Age 9 years and 4 months.

Somebody wrote and asked me

one day for another story about Snip and Slop, so here is another bit about them.

**SNIP AND SLOP GIVE MARY A SURPRISE.**

One day when Mary was in her bedroom she heard someone playing the piano.

"Whoever can that be?" she said to herself, for she knew that her mother was out and that only the servants and Snip and Slop, the dogs, were in the house.

She ran down to the drawing room to see who it was and, to her surprise, when she opened the door there were the two dogs sitting up to the piano busily beating the notes with their paws. Of course they had seen Mary and her mother playing and were just trying to copy them.

"Why Snip and Slop," cried Mary.

"I had no idea that you could play the piano. Now let me hear what you can do. Can you play Lucy Locket?"

"Wouf, wouf," both the dogs barked, (which Mary knew meant

"Yes we can") and they began to play something which really did

sound like Lucy Locket and as they barked in time to the music it sounded still more real.

"Oh that's splendid!" exclaimed Mary, clapping her hands. "Now try Humpty Dumpty."

At once Snip and Slop started off again and this time Snip barked so loudly that, as they were finishing, he lost his balance and tumbled off his chair, knocking Slop over as he fell and both the dogs tumbled over each other on the floor.

They straight away started a great game, rolling over and over and snapping playfully and forgot all about the music until Mary said,

"I should so like to know if you can play anything else Snip and Slop.

"Polly put the kettle on?"

But by this time they were so out

of breath that they could only gasp

"Wouf, wouf, wouf, wouf," which

meant "Sorry, we can't do it now."

So Mary took them off to have a

drink of water and they each had a

piece of cake as well.

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Hongkong, Saturday 21st November 1920

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Matins at 11 a.m.

Cathedral Choral.

Benediction.

Feria.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

## INDIANS IN COLONIES.

LONDON, November 17th.  
The question of the immigration of Indians into the Crown Colonies and Protectorates was raised in the House of Commons this evening by a question by Mr. Bennett, C.I.E., in regard to the recent visit of Sir Benjamin Robertson to the Kenya Colony and Uganda to enquire into the position of Indians there.

Mr. Montagu replied that he had received the views of India's Government from Mr. Robertson's report and that Sir Benjamin Robertson drew attention to Milner. He urgently drew attention to the matter.

Sir Arthur Hicks suggested that the doctrine of self-determination should be applied to the Crown Colonies in regard to the influx of Indians where they were not wanted.

Mr. Montagu, replying, emphasised that the views of the Indian as well as the British and the native inhabitants of the colonies ought to be taken into account.

## GENERAL WRANGEL.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 16th.  
The evacuation of Sebastopol was conducted in perfect order. General Wrangel was the last man to leave the town which he left in the hands of the local Soviets, who openly proclaimed themselves once the situation was clear.

PARIS, November 17th.

General Wrangel has arrived at Constantinople. A Moscow wireless gloating over the victory says that the outstanding bands of scabs commanded by General Wrangel and others must finally be destroyed, and declare that the English bourgeoisie had this an opportune moment for concluding a trade agreement.

LONDON, November 17th.

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## TRADE WITH RUSSIA.

LONDON, November 16th.  
In the House of Commons, replying to Commander Kenworthy, Mr. Bonar Law said that there were still a number of British subjects in Russia about whom no information had been received. The Government was communicating with the Soviet on the subject. There was a hope that British conditions for the resumption of trade negotiations would be so far fulfilled within a week as to enable a statement to be made on the subject.

LONDON, November 17th.

The question of resuming trade with Russia was discussed at a Cabinet meeting to-day, but no decision was reached. It is understood that Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Bonar Law, who advocated early resumption, met with certain opposition from Lord Curzon, Mr. Churchill and Mr. Chamberlain on the question of the Russian attitude towards the small republics in the Middle East.

It was decided to confer with Mr. Krassin, who will be asked what guarantees he has to give that the propaganda campaign in England will cease. The Government is appreciably nearer agree-

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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

## BRITISH POLICY IN PERSIA.

LONDON, November 16th.  
In the House of Lords, Lord Curzon, reviewing the general situation in Persia, pointed out that our obligations were the direct aftermath of the war, and emphasised that Great Britain was most interested in a peaceful, stable, friendly and independent Persia—conditions which were the cornerstones of the Anglo-Persian agreement. Great Britain never thought of asking the League of Nations for a mandate and contemplated nothing in the nature of a Protectorate. It had been our constant desire to reduce our commitments there, and start Persia with an independent army, although Persia had frequently petitioned for the retention of British troops after our decision to withdraw by stages the whole of our forces, excepting the Consular escort at Meshed. A new situation arose in North-West Persia upon the arrival of an unforeseen menace from Bolshevik Russia threatening the Persian capital, Throne and State.

Later an unforeseen change occurred owing to the treachery of the officers of the Cossack division entrusted with the defence of the northern provinces in Persia against the Bolsheviks. Consequently, the Shah decided to dispense with the services of such a dangerous ally. General Ironside supported the decision and recommended re-organising the Cossacks under British officers. We expected his parliament to be summoned and the Anglo-Persian Agreement submitted to it before the New Year. If the Persian Parliament accepted the Agreement we would do our best to help them through.

Lord Curzon regarded this as the sole possible guarantee for continued stability of Persia. If it were accepted, we should submit the Agreement to the League of Nations.

Having acquiesced in the dismissal of General Wrangel, we accepted the temporary responsibility of officering and organising the Cossack division. This was the only Persian force available for the protection of the Northern provinces and provided a nucleus for the new Persian army.

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## THE STYLIST.

## ART IN WRITING.

## LETTERS OF APPLICATION.

There is an art in writing a letter of application for a position. Some say that brevity is the whole secret; others that good style is better than fair words. Yet a third class calls for the sordidly rounded sentence. The following letter, actually received by a Shanghai firm, shows a close study and appreciation of analogy and simile; even if the examples are rather faint:

"Nothing is of less importance than the age of a person; nevertheless, it is proper to begin that I am in my 21st year. Having a strong ambition to do some service in the business world, I grasp this opportunity to insert myself into the sphere. It is true that many are now wandering idly in the market waiting employment. But it is true to the same extent that many of these, if not all, are good for nothing. To take notice upon them to put some duty upon them is to give gunpowder to children; be it as a plaything. The danger can be imagined."

"I am now going to give some account of my personal abilities. It is not too much to say that my knowledge of English can hardly be represented to the full colour by such a little adjective as to as 'thorough.' It is exceptionally excellent, to be outspoken. As to the art of typewriting, my hands go on as smoothly as to skate on an icy river. With such intellectual powers any hard duties can be as easily conquered as an egg shell by a wave."

All this literary excellence did not get the writer the job for which he sought; but it is to be hoped that he is no longer wandering idly in the market waiting employment."

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